

*****March 8, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on March 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Poss informed the Council that the Governor has extended the authorization for electronic meetings through April 28th. Council agreed to continue with electronic meetings until that date.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 25, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the February 8, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the February 22, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There was a minor correction in a name that did not affect the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting proceeded.

Appeal
Signage – CVS Pharmacy

CVS was represented by Bill Reason, owner of Certified Lighting. After discussion, Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the variance.

Resolutions

1. “A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRITT REYNOLDS TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S LIBRARY BOARD.”

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. “A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JULIANA RATLIFF TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S LIBRARY BOARD.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S WATER FUND IN LIEU OF AD VALORUM TAX PAYMENTS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE TOWN FOR THE WATER SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IN THE SUM OF \$34,060.00.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Ordinances

- a. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2020-06, ENTITLED THE “FY 2020-2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE,” SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.”

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

- b. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1402 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE PERTAINING TO THE RECREATION BOARD."

Following discussion, Council decided to seek an alternative option for composition of the Recreation Board. Councilmember Gardner agreed to draft proposed language for Council consideration.

- c. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-106 AND 2-107 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 2-108 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with 4 Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the second reading of the Ordinance, and Councilmember Landrum in opposition.

Discussion

- a. Water Utility Update. Adam Chrnaloger, Water Utility Director, provided the Council with update concerns about the pump station. He explained that only 2 of the 5 motors/pumps are performing adequately. He said that an engineer has been hired to help determine what pumps are needed. Mr. Chrnaloger also said that in order to rectify areas with low pressure, a new booster station will be required.

Boyd Veal, Town Manager, informed the Council that talks with the tank maintenance company are proceeding and recent developments look promising.

Mr. Veal reminded the Council that they had placed on hold all late fees and service disconnects for the water utility. After discussion, Mayor Poss made a motion to begin past due late fees on May 1st, and to initiate cut offs on June 1st. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

- b. Parking – Rainbow Lake & James Boulevard. Council held discussion regarding parking issues on James Boulevard and other side streets. Council decided to have charrettes on this matter.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal reported that some of the Boards and Committees have asked to have in-person meetings. They will broadcast the meetings and they will not be open to the public. Council agreed to this request.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. None.

- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. Councilmember Landrum said that the Tree Board would like input from Mayor Poss regarding changes proposed to the Tree Board Code 13-211. Council determined that it would be appropriate for Mayor Poss to clarify his concerns on this issue. Councilmember Landrum also informed the Council that there will be a tree giveaway at the Recycle Center on April 10th.
- c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder